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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

George E. Smith

APPLICATION No.: 09/644,371

FILED: August 23, 2000

FOR: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
OBSERVING CHEMICAL
SUBSTANCES**

EXAMINER: STEVEN POLLARD

ART UNIT: 3727

CONFIRMATION No.: 1295

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Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 37-72, without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups: I. Claims 1-36, drawn to a vessel; and II. Claims 37-72, drawn to a method of observing chemicals.

In response, the applicant elects Group I without traverse. Non-elected claims 37-72 are hereby canceled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part or other application.